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The Honorable Thomas S. Burack, Chairman N.H. Site Evaluation Committee c/o New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services 29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95 Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0095

Re: In Re: Granite Reliable Power, Docket No. 2008-004 -- Filing of Petition to Intervene By Clean Power Development, LLC.

Dear Chairman Burack:

In accordance with the Order and Notice of Public Information Hearing, Site Inspection Visit and Pre-Hearing Conference dated August 27, 2008 and N.H. Admin.R. Site 202.11, I enclose Clean Power Development, LLC's Petition to Intervene in the above-captioned proceeding, for filing with the Committee.

Please contact me should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey A. Meyers

Enclosure

ce: Michael Iacopino, Esq.

Peter Roth, Esq., Counsel for the Public

Douglas L. Patch, Esq., Counsel for Granite Reliable Power, LLC

Clean Power Development, LLC

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

IN RE: APPLICAPTION OF GRANITE RELIABLE POWER, LLC

FOR CERTIFICATE OF SITE AND FACILITY
FOR
GRANITE RELIABLE WINDPARK

Docket No. 2008-04

PETITION OF CLEAN POWER DEVELOPMENT, LLC TO INTERVENE

NQW COMES, Clean Power Development, LLC, by and through its counsel, Nelson, Kinder, Mosseau & Saturley, PC, and pursuant to N.H. Admin.R. Site 202.11, petitions to intervene as a party in the above-captioned matter, stating as follows:

- 1. Clean Power Development (CPD) is a New Hampshire limited liability corporation whose principal business is the development of renewable energy generation facilities in New Hampshire.
- 2. On February 26, 2008, CPD submitted to the Site Evaluation Committee a letter of intent relative to the submission of applications for three biomass generation facilities, including one located in Berlin, New Hampshire.
- 3. The Berlin biomass facility, like the other CPD facilities, will generate electricity through the combustion of whole tree chips supplied through local markets. The Berlin facility will be capable of generating at least 22 MW of electricity, and

depending upon final design may or may not require submission of an application to the Site Evaluation Committee.

- 4. Clean Power Development Berlin, LLC, an affiliate of CPD, has entered into an option agreement for the purchase of land in Berlin for the location of CPD's Berlin biomass facility. The Berlin facility will be connected to the so-called "Coos County Loop" for the transmission of the power it generates.
- 5. CPD occupies position 229 in the ISO-NE Interconnection Study Queue, just behind Granite Reliable Power's position at 166 for the 100 MW project for which the pending application pertains, as well as Granite Reliable Power's Queue position No. 176 for a second 145.5 MW project also to be connected to the Coos County Loop.
- 6. Granite Reliable Power, LLC is proposing to add new and significant renewable power generation facilities in Coos County and the Berlin area. In reviewing Granite Reliable Power's application, the Site Evaluation Committee must evaluate and make findings relative to a number of factors, including, specifically, the effect of the facility on the "orderly development of the region." See RSA 162-H:16.
- 7. CPD is also proposing to introduce new renewable generation facilities to Coos County and the Berlin area, and submits that CPD's interests and rights are directly affected by the Committee's determination of the impact of the introduction of new renewable generation facilities on regional and local development.
- 8. Additionally, upon information and belief, Granite Reliable Power is proposing to upgrade the existing transmission lines of the Coos County Loop so that it will be able to transfer up to 100 MW of power over the existing lines without the construction of new transmission lines.

- 9. To the extent that CPD is proposing to develop additional renewable generation facilities in Berlin and transfer approximately 22 to 25 MW of electricity from its proposed Berlin biomass plant via the existing Coos County Loop, the company believes that its interests are directly affected by Granite Reliable Power's application for the development of the 100 MW facility and that CPD should be able to participate as a party in the Site Evaluation Committee proceeding to address any transmission-related issues, as well as any issues relative to the impact on the local and regional economy from the development of additional renewable electric generation in this area.
- 10. CPD's investment in property in Berlin, New Hampshire, its placement in the NE-ISO Interconnection Queue and other investment in securing financing and equipment for its Berlin facility also distinguish CPD's interests in Granite Reliable Power's application as separate and distinct from those interests to be represented by Counsel for the Public appointed pursuant to RSA 162-H:9.
- application, CPD does not oppose the siting of Granite Reliable Power's 100 MW wind project in Berlin and believes, as was recognized in the NH Public Utility Commission's Background Report on New Hampshire Transmission Infrastructure dated December 1, 2007, that the existing COOS loop may be upgraded to support both the first Nobel wind project (100 MW) and, pursuant to ISO-NE Minimum Interconnection Standards (MIS), the interconnection of additional renewable generation, at least as an interim measure.

 See NH PUC, "Background Report on New Hampshire Transmission Infrastructure Pursuant to SB 140," December 1, 2007, at p. 28.

12. As a result of the substantial steps it has undertaken for the location of a biomass generation facility in Berlin that would utilize the Coos County transmission loop, and the company's interests in the development of renewable energy generation in Coos County and the State of New Hampshire, CPD submits that its rights and interests are directly and sufficiently affected by the application filed by Granite Reliable Power, LLC, and that it should be granted status as an intervenor.

13. CPD also submits that, pursuant to N.H. Admin. R. 202.11(b)(3), the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings in this case will not be impaired by allowing its intervention.

WHEREFORE, Clean Power Development, LLC respectfully requests that the Site Evaluation Committee:

- A. Grant Clean Power Development's Petition to Intervene in this matter; and
- B. Order such additional actions as are necessary and just.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this 15th day of September, 2008, forwarded Clean Power Development, LLC.'s Petition to Intervene to the Chairman of the Site Evaluation Committee, its legal counsel, Michael Iacopino, Esq., counsel to Granite Reliable Power, LLC, Douglas Patch, Esq., and Assistant Attorney General Peter Roth, Counsel for the Public.

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